

I understand that the FCC is soliciting feedback with respect to media localization efforts. In that vein, I wish to make three comments:

One in support of the ongoing efforts of public broadcasting, particularly National Public Radio stations that conscientiously tend to the mission of public service by covering local issues in more depth than any other news source around.

Second, to express outrage at the effects of media consolidation on commercial media outlets: radio and television. The quantity of different sources of information has diminished along with the quality of coverage and music. This diminishment is a threat to democracy. Regulation for commercial outlets seems crucial.

Along these lines, my third and most immediate concern is Sinclair Broadcast Group and their practices and policies. This central source of 'news' is not speaking to me and my community and it seems from what I'm reading in the newspapers that their actions border on illegal (in terms of pre-election advocacy for a particular presidential candidate). Their renewal should be questioned closely not merely rubber-stamped.